

The Arden Trust recently revised aspects of our tree policy. We updated our policy after hearing comments about how leaseholders no longer bother to ask permission for tree removal because we “always say yes”. We thank everyone who made thoughtful comments and will continue to revise the policy.

We may say yes more often than not, but we need the permit process because it is important for us to know how many trees come down because of disease, or storms or construction. The Trust’s goal is to protect the mature canopy to make sure it is safe and of diverse composition.

The permit form, the policy statement, and species list are all online at [www.arden.delaware.gov/arden-trust/](http://www.arden.delaware.gov/arden-trust/). We added information about the definition of a tree, and how best to determine its diameter. Of interest is a document describing native trees for different conditions and locations.

Removal requests are dealt with on a case by case basis, each tree is important. We look forward to working with everyone in our common goal of magnificent trees